

**West Geauga Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 22, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**West Geauga Middle School Conference Area**

**Roll Call**

Board President Beers called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Gillmore, Mr. Kilroy, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Pintabona

**Executive Session**

**2010-074**

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to move into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

Executive Session concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

**2010-075**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve the agenda.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2010**

**2010-076**

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Board Meeting.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**Music in Our Schools Month**

Board President Beers read a resolution recognizing Music in Our Schools Month.

**2010-077**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to adopt the Music in Our Schools resolution.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Students from West Geauga High School, under the direction of Mr. Frank Cosenza performed Dance-A-Jig for the Board.

**Recognitions/Commendations**

Mrs. Gruttadauria reviewed the achievement report.

- The West Geauga Board of Education accepts the Energy Pacesetter Award from Energy Education. The award is for those stellar organizations that are "setting the pace" in energy savings for others.

- The month of March is designated as Youth Art Month, and artwork by West Geauga students is being recognized at several prestigious shows. Kudos to the students and their art teachers Tina Rappaport and Mary Ann Rodin at Westwood Elementary School, Mary Ann Rodin at Lindsey Elementary School and Kim Mathis and Christina Rappaport at West Geauga Middle School for producing such fine work.

Congratulations to Lindsey Elementary School fourth-grader Lily Martin, fifth-grader Alison D'Allesandro; Westwood Elementary School second-grader Emma Carlson, third-grader Larion Davis, fifth-grader Jack Makee; West Geauga Middle School sixth-grader Griffin Reksten, seventh-graders Megan Copfer and Christina Rakich and eighth-grader Johanna Brazfield. Their artwork is selected to be on display at the 2010 Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) and Case Western Reserve University. Works from across the Northeast region are included.

Artwork by Westwood Elementary School second-graders Phoebe Jameson and Ana Clara Silva and West Geauga Middle School eighth-grader Rachael Himes is selected for the 2010 Ohio Youth Art Month Exhibition, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) and hosted by the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) of Ohio. This exhibit is on display this month at the STRS building at 275 East Broad Street in Columbus. Only 168 pieces of artwork are selected from nine OAEA regions in Ohio for this show.

Lindsey Elementary School fifth-grader Marin Musser, West Geauga Middle School sixth-grader Angela Warholic and seventh-grader Dana Puruczky are selected as exhibitors for the 2010 Young People's Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA). This exhibit is being held at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus through the end of the month. Only 170 pieces of artwork are selected from nine regions in Ohio for this K-8 art show. The entire show will also be displayed at the Ohio Department of Education during the summer of 2010. Some of the works will then be displayed at the OAEA convention.

- Lindsey Elementary School fifth-grader David Sprenger wins the district spelling bee.
- Westwood Elementary School Principal Denise Brewster and the use of technology at Westwood are highlighted in an article in the *Principal Navigator Winter 2010* issue published by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators.
- Westwood Elementary School delights audiences with performances of *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp*.
- The Secondary PTO awards West Geauga Middle School educational aide Nancy Amantea as the Support Staff Person of the Year and West Geauga Middle School sixth grade teacher Heidi Burns as the West Geauga Middle School Teacher of the Year.
- The West Geauga Middle School seventh and eighth grade Power of the Pen teams earn high marks at the district tournament. The seventh grade team, which consists of Michelle Sargent (coach) and writers Kirstin Boni, Hailee Brown, Patrick Drockton, Victoria Grabinski, Lilly Makee, Morgan Sutton, Andrew Todaro, Miranda Young and Kristina Zerbe, earn second place overall. For the individual honors, Kirstin Boni earns 15<sup>th</sup> place; Victoria Grabinski earns 12<sup>th</sup> place; Miranda Young earns 9<sup>th</sup> place; and Lilly Makee earns first place. Miranda Young also earns a Best of Round Award. The eighth grade team, which consists of Holly McKenzie-Gabram (coach) and writers Danielle Armbruster, Lilly Faulk, Lauren Girbino, Jordyn Henderson, Megan

Kelly, Tori Sargent, Kelsey Sprenger and Corah Szerenyi, earn first place overall. For the individual honors, Danielle Armruster earns 13<sup>th</sup> place; Corah Szerenyi earns 6<sup>th</sup> place; Tori Sargent earns 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and Lauren Girbino earns 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Tori Sargent also earns a Best of Round Award.

- West Geauga High School seniors Julia Hubay and Jackson Owens are named National Merit® Scholarship Program Finalists.
- West Geauga High School sophomores Shawn Cooper, Zak Kucera, Clay McMullen and freshman Kelli Wright receive the Youth Conservationist of the Year award, a state honor from the League of Ohio Sportsmen, the Ohio affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.
- Artwork by West Geauga High School students Sarah Evans, Dori Grabinski, Karen Kruzer and Alex Roth are displayed in the Beachwood Art's Council's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried High School Art Show.
- West Geauga High School senior Heather Wilcox wins honorable mention for her photo "Reflection of Light by the Cornea" in the contrived category of the American Association of Physics Teachers photography contest.
- Students from the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center compete at the College Tech Prep Showcase held at Cuyahoga Community College. West Geauga High School junior Chris Yagour is a member of the first place team. West Geauga High School senior Stephen Clucas is a member of the third place team.
- West Geauga High School senior Karen Kruzer is one of 13 outstanding Ohio pre-college science students who met in San Diego in February to present their scientific research at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on behalf of The Ohio Academy of Science. Karen's presentation addressed the care and handling of cell phones and how to prevent health risks. These students are named honorary Fellows of The American Junior Academy of Science (AJAS).
- West Geauga High School performs the musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.
- West Geauga High School student athletes compete in the state fencing tournament. Max Richards places 6<sup>th</sup> in saber, Kevin McKinney places in epee (results pending) and Liz Osborn places 3<sup>rd</sup> in foil.
- West Geauga High School student athletes Mike November and DJ Leonetti qualify for the state wrestling tournament.
- The West Geauga High School swim team finishes their season by breaking 9 school records at the district championship meet. The girls team set new school records in all three relays, and Jaclyn Gleske sets a new school record in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 58.49 seconds. Noah Stone sets a new school record and personal record for an 11 dive meet in his 7<sup>th</sup> place finish with a score of 284.15. The boy swimmers set new school records in all three relays, and Greg Watson breaks his own school record in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 59.46 in his 11<sup>th</sup> place finish.

- Three West Geauga High School girls soccer team members will continue playing soccer at the college level. Junior Kori Chapic makes a verbal commitment to Penn State; senior Margo Davis commits to University of Arkansas; and senior Alyssa Platek commits to Division III National Champ Messiah College.
- West Geauga High School senior and track standout Allison Tyree signs a National Letter of Intent with West Virginia University.
- West Geauga High School alumni in the news: Princeton senior Connor Diemand-Yauman (WGHS Class of 2006) is named the winner of Princeton University's 2010 Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize, the highest general distinction given to an undergraduate; Sarah Tanno (WGHS Class of 1999) is working as a makeup artist on tour with recording artist Lady Gaga and just finished a gig as a makeup artist during New York City's fashion week; Brian Currutt (WGHS Class of 1992) served as head coach of the U.S. Freestyle Aerials Ski Team at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver;

### **Operations Committee Report**

Mr. Pintabona reviewed the Operations Committee minutes from the march 16, 2010 meeting.

## ***OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING***

**In Attendance:** Ben Pintabona, Operations Committee Chairperson/Board Member; Steve Canepa, Business Manager; Al Davis; Transportation Supervisor; Tony Podojil, Superintendent; and Michele Tullai, Treasurer

### **I. Roofing**

- A. High School
- B. Future Replacement (District Wide)

The Business Manager discussed the immediate need to replace the Chillicothe Road section of the high school roof for approximately \$250,000.00 dollars, and the need to move forward with making a recommendation to contract Construction Resources Inc., the district roof consultant and designer; and to go out for competitive bids for that specific roofing project. Additionally the Business Manager presented a spread sheet that outlined the district roofing replacement(s) budgets for the next six years.

### **II. Food Service Program**

- A. Ohio Schools Council Consulting Proposal

The Business Manager and Treasurer discussed the district food service program and the USDA's requirement for public schools to (this year) bid-out its outsourced food service programs and the necessity and importance for contracting the OSC's food service consultants that will provide regulatory compliance, current program evaluation, bid specifications, public bidding, bid evaluation and a recommendation to the Board of Education. The Superintendent stressed the importance of utilizing a third party in objectively evaluating our current food service program and providing an unbiased comprehensive bid specification with recommendation.

### **III. Utilities Recovery Opportunity**

#### **A. Utilities Recovery Corp**

The Business Manager will be meeting with a representative of Utilities Recovery Corp whom perform audits of gasoline and diesel fuel, and most other utility bills for recoverable costs potential. Mr. Canepa will report back to the Operations Committee at its next regular meeting.

### **IV. Transportation**

#### **A. Ledgemont Used Bus for Sale**

The Transportation Supervisor reported our district has been borrowing an ADA school bus most of this year from Ledgement Schools. Ledgement Schools has offered to sell the bus for \$7,000.00 dollars should we desire to purchase it. No decision has been made.

### **V. Phone System**

#### **A. VOIP Update**

The Superintendent reported the VOIP phone system project, if all goes well, may receive stimulus funding in May of this year. Information to be forthcoming.

### **VI. PI**

#### **A. PI Five-Year Draft Plan**

The Treasurer and Business Manager handed out a draft five-year permanent improvement (PI) plan for cursory review. The committee agreed to discuss the details of the PI five-year plan at its next regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

### **2010-078**

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 Operations Committee.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

### **Meetings Scheduled:**

Advocacy – March 26, 2010 8:30 a.m.

Finance – March 26, 2010 7:30 a.m.

Operations – April 13, 2010 7:30 a.m.

### **Treasurer's Report/Recommendations**

#### **Financial Reports A-G**

Treasurer Tullai presented the Financial Reports A-G for February 2010 (see attached)

#### **In Lieu of Payments**

### **2010-079**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve the transportation in lieu of payment to student #14114 at St. Helen School.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**Bid****2010-080**

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to approve the Treasurer to advertise for bids for partial roof replacement at West Geauga High School as indicated on Item T-2 (attached).

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**Superintendent's Report/Recommendations****Enrollment Report**

Superintendent Podojil presented an enrollment report to the Board. (attached)

**Personnel****2010-081**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the personnel as presented

**1. 2009-2010 DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Last	First	Bldg/Dept	Assignment	Rate
Alley	Tom	HS – Athletic Dept	Athletics: Softball - Asst. Coach - JV - ½ Contract	\$1,488.00
Byron	Philip	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Baseball - Assistant Coach - JV	\$2,976.00
Nightingale	Ryan	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Track Coach Assistant - 1/2 Contract	\$1,488.00
Smrdel	James	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Baseball - Assistant Coach - 9th Gr.	\$2,976.00
Schutz	Don	MS	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00
<b>Resignation:</b>				
Cirino	Lou	MS	Athletics: Track Coach	\$2,731.00

**2. 2010 -2011 DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Last	First	Bldg/Dept	Assignment
Cirino	Lou	HS - Athletic Dept	Athletics: Football – Head Coach

**3. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE/NON-PAID LEAVE**

Jackie Coletta, Westwood Elementary fifth grade teacher, requested a leave of absence to begin on April 28, 2010 with a return date of June 9, 2010.

**4. LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS**

Name	Assignment	Bldg.	Time Period	RATE OF PAY	
				Day 1 to 30	Day 31 and after
Wolfhope, Tracy	Special Ed Teacher	MS	2/4/10 – TBD	\$88.42	\$266.50 (MS+15/5)

Long-term substitute for Kim Glessner, middle school special education teacher.

**5. 2009-2010 CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES – MARCH UPDATE**

NAME	CUST	FDSR	PROC	SECL	TRANS
Cline, Jackie					X

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**2010-082**

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to approve the administrative contracts as presented.

Three Year Contract: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2013

Dave Toth

Two Year Contracts: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012

Paulette Cutujian

Debra Iammarino

Stacie Packard

One Year Contract: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011

Denise Brewster (will be returning under a retire-rehire contract)

**Currently Under Contract:**

Two Year Contract: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Bonnie Gruttadauria

Two Year Contracts: August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2011

Brenda Armstrong

Jay Bishop

John Cardiero

Ron Dahlhofer

Three Year Contracts: August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2012

Ken Bernacki

Steve Canepa

Jim Kish

Three Year Contracts: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

Ed Chandler

Dan Eloff

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona.

Motion carried

**Contracts**

**2010-083**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Patterson, to approve the 2010-2013 agreement with OAPSE Local 255.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**2010-084**

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve a contract with Ohio Schools Council for consulting services for food service department/management company.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**2010-085**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, to approve a contract with Construction Resources Inc. for architectural and design services for the High School roof.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**2010-086**

A motion was made by Mr. Pintabona and was seconded by Mrs. Gillmore, to approve a contract with NEOLA, Inc. to provide Administrative Guidelines.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**Policy Discussion/Review/Approval**

The following policies had a first reading:

3121 – Criminal History Record Check

3140 – Termination and Resignation

3362 – Anti-Harassment

4121 – Criminal History Record Check

4122.02 – Non-Discriminatin Based oN Genetic Information of the Employee

4362 – Anti-Harassment

4430.01- FMLA Leave

The following policies had a second reading:

0167 – Voting

1340 – Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer

1541 – Termination and Resignation

2111 – Parent and Family Involvement

2460 – Special Education

**2010-087**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona, that the third reading be waived for the following policies:

0167 – Voting

1340 – Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer

1541 – Termination and Resignation

2111 – Parent and Family Involvement

2460 – Special Education

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**2010-088**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Pintabona to approve the following policies:

0167 – Voting

1340 – Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer

1541 – Termination and Resignation

2111 – Parent and Family Involvement

2460 – Special Education

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

**Old Business**

Superintendent Search Update – Mr. Beers reminded the Board there is a meeting on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. with the OSBA consultant. Discussion was held regarding how many questions to ask each candidate and the length of the interviews. Mr. Beers assigned specific areas of responsibility to each Board member regarding the questions to be asked. Mr. Beers thanked the community, staff and students for their input at the focus group meetings.

2010 Board Timeline Schedule Review – Mr. Beers reviewed the updated 2010 Board timeline schedule and requested Board members offer input.

**New Business**

Mrs. Gillmore reviewed the Region 4 Regional Advisory Council meeting minutes of March 12, 2010.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gillmore and was seconded by Mr. Kilroy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Roll call: Yes: Beers, Gillmore, Kilroy, Patterson and Pintabona

Motion carried

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Board President

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Treasurer